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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE WASHDC INFO ADDIS ABABA, AMMAN,
LONDON, , SANAA, TEHRAN APRIL 16, 1973 FROM JIDDA IS REPEATED
TO YOU: QUOTE

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DEPT REPEAT TO USMTM, DHAHRAN, AND USCINCEUR

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBAECT: YAR REQUEST FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE: PROPOSAL GIVE
TO PRINCE SULTAN

REF: A. STATE 66153 (B) STATE 66350

SUMMARY: PRINCE SULTAN WAS INFROMED IN SUMMARY OF SITUATION AS
WE SEE IT IN PDRY AND WAS GIVEN US PROPOSALS FOR MOVING AHEAD
WITH PROMPT ACTION PROVIDE ARMS TO YAR, INCLUDING OUR WILLINGNESS
BEAR PORTION OF AIR TRANSPORT COST ITEMS TO REPLACE THOSE
DELIVEIED BY SAUDIS TO NORTH YEMEN. SULTAN DISTINCTLY PLEASED
BY THIS APPROACH, SUGGESTED WE MUST ALSO CONSIDER QUESTION OF AIR
ARM AND SOME GROUND ARMOR. AMB TURNED ASIDE SUGGESTION TWO USMTM
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OFFICERS ACCOMPANY GENERAL KABBANI FOR ON- GROUND SURVEY IN YEMEN.
AT SECOND MEETING APR 15 WITH SULTAN, WE EMPHASIZED AGAIN NEED
FOR GETTING AT LEAST TOKEN SHIPMENTS PROMPTLY IN HANDS YAR. KING
ENGHUSIASTIC. KABBANI TO DEPART NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS. USMTM
GIVING ENERGETIC SUPPORT TO ENCOURAGE PROMPT, EFFECTIVE
SAUDI ACTION. END SUMMARY.

1. AMB. AND B/ GEN SMITH, CHIEF USMTM, MET WITH PRINCE SULTAN
APRIL 14 TO IMPART USG VIEWS AND PROPOSALS CONTAINED REFTEL A.
NOTING THAT IMMEDIATE THREAT POSED BY MASSING OF PDRY TROOPS
SEEMED NOW TO HAVE ABATED, AMB SAID YAR LEADEF IMPLEMENT INTO LEFT SIDE OF
MACHINE AND ROLL THE
UNIT NUMBERING WHEEL UPWARD FROM 9 TO 0. TENS NUMBERING
WHEEL WILL NOT BE ADVANCED FROM 7 TO 8 BY THIS PROCEDURE
SO NUMBER WILL NOW STAND AT 2,670, PERMITTING CLERK TO
REISSUE WITH DUPLICATE NUMBERS ANY OR ALL VISAS FROM
2,670 THROUGH 2,678.

3. OLDER SERIES 105/110 VISA MACHINES SEEM LESS
VULNERABLE TO SUCH MANIPULATION, BUT THEY ARE NOT
NECESSARILY IMMUNE.

4. ONE POST HAS MET ABOVE DIFFICULTY BY PLACING ITS VISA
MACHINES UNDER TOTAL AMERICAN CONTROL WITH OFFICERS
OPERATING THEM. WHILE THIS SHOULD PREVENT VISA NUMBER
MALFEASANCE, DEPT. APPRECIATES THAT SOME POSTS ARE NOT
IN POSITION TO TAKE SIMILAR ACTION EVEN IF THEY FEEL THE
NEED TO. DEPT. IS THEREFORE STUDYING OPTIMUM
METHOD OF DEALING WITH THIS BRAND OF FRAUD AND WILL ADVISE
ALL POSTS OF ITS CONCLUSIONS IN NEAR FUTURE.

5. IN MEANTIME, CONSULAR OFFICERS SHOULD (A) BE KEENLY
AWARE OF THIS PROBLEM; (B) KEEP ALL VISA MACHINES UNDER
CLOSEST POSSIBLE OFFICER OBSERVATION THROUGHOUT HOURS
WHEN THEY ARE IN USE EACH DAY; AND (C) QUIETLY KEEP
TRACK OF NUMBERS REGISTERED BY VISA PLATE NUMBERING UNIT
AS COMPARED WITH READING OF NUMBERING UNIT ON TOP OF VISA
MACHINE. LATTER IS FULLY TAMPER- PROOF AND WILL FAITHFULLY
REFLECT DISCREPANCY IF MACHINE IS USED TO ISSUE SAME
VISA NUMBERS MORE THAN ONCE. ROXERS UNQUOTE ROGERS

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